

The Seven Visions Revelation 12-15

Chapter 12 starts out with a vision of the great red dragon, the devil. This vision shows the devil attempting to destroy Christ and his church. The vision has 3 distinct scenes. In the first, we see the devil attacking Christ himself.

Read Chapter 12-The First Vision

- 1) Let's start by identifying some of the "easy parts" of this vision.

- 2) What parts do you find challenging to understand?

- 3) Identify the woman mentioned in chapter 12. Why can't the "woman" be the Virgin Mary?

- 4) Describe the Red Dragon.

- 5) What are the two possible interpretations of the war in the sky? What is the significance that the Red Dragon has 7 heads, 7 crowns, and 10 horns?

- 6) Relate from the life of Christ on how the devil was intent to destroy the male child?

- 7) What assurance does the church have during the NT era?

- 8) What are the two possible interpretations of the war in the sky?

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- 11) When Satan fails to destroy the church as an organism, who does he go after?

His Word for My Life:

How does John's vision of the woman (12:6,13-17) encourage us to trust in God's protecting care of his church?

Read Chapter 13-The Second and Third Vision

The dragon is persistent. He will try every imaginable way to destroy the church. Now he employs two tools to serve his purposes. They are the Beast of the Sea and the Beast of the earth. These beasts are powerful enemies of the church, they he will not be able to do any permanent damage to the elect.

The book of Daniel spoke of 4 beasts that came out of the sea.

Daniel:

- 1. Lion=Babylonians**
- 2. Bear=Medes and Persians**
- 3. Leopard=Greeks=4 heads**
- 4. 10 Horns=Romans**

John:

- mouth of lion**
- feet of bear**
- leopard**
- 10 horns**

4 Beasts, the Leopard has 4 heads

1 Beast with Seven Heads

- 1) What is the Beast of the Sea? (part of natural order of the world? (*show slide 13*))
- 2) What is the fatal wound that has been healed?
- 3) How does a government render blasphemies against God, and his dwelling place, the church?

Note: “Those who dwell in heaven” are believers, who already on earth have everlasting life and whose citizenship is in heaven. (See Jn. 5:24, 1 John 3:14; Philippians 3:20)

- 4) Who is the Beast of the Earth? (looks like Christ, but speaks dangerous words)
- 5) How do the apostate church and the government join forces to deal with supposed heretics?

Note: After the first verse and up to the last two verses in the chapter, the name “beast” or “first beast” always refers to the beast from the sea.

- 6) What is 666?

His Word in My Life:

The beast from the earth represents all false churches. These churches wittingly or unwittingly serve Satan and often ally themselves with earthly governments to attain their goals. What common false teaching do these churches share?

The Fourth Vision The Lamb and the 144,000- Chapter 14:1-5

- 1) Where is the location of Mt. Zion?
- 2) What is the significance of the double name written on their foreheads? (*John 14:6*) (*John 6:44*)

- 3) Who are the 144,000?
- 4) What does it mean that they did not defile themselves with women or lie?
- 5) What is the new song that they sang?
- 6) How are believers like the first fruits offered to God?

The Fifth Vision- The Three Angels
Read Chapter 14:6-13

- 1) Who does the first angel represent?
- 2) For what purpose has the Gospel been preached?
- 3) The second angel preaches a law message to Babylon? Who is Babylon?
- 4) What message does the third angel have for unbeliever and for believers?

Explain: “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

The Sixth Vision- The Harvest of the Earth
Read Chapter 14:14-20

The elect have been won, and the earth is no longer to be a place where men have the opportunity to come to faith.

- 1) Who is described here?
- 2) What is he to do?
- 3) Why was another angel given the harvest of the unbelievers? (*Ezekiel 33:11*)(*Luke 9:56*)
- 4) How does the number 1600 show the completeness of the harvest of the earth?

Number of the earth=

Number of Completeness=

His Word in My Life:

How does the picture of harvest time in the fourth vision impress on us the urgency of sharing the gospel with the world?

The Seventh Vision- Seven Angels with Seven Plagues- Chapter 15

- 1) Why are these plagues called the seven last plagues?
- 2) What is the sea of glass mixed with fire?
- 3) Whose victory is being celebrated?
- 4) What do the words about no one being able to enter the temple say to you about these 7 last plagues?

His Word in My Life:

The victorious saints (15:3,4) sing a song much like Moses did after God's victory at the Red Sea. Why is it appropriate for believers to sing for joy when God demonstrates his terrible anger against the unbelieving?